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## COUNCIL GIVES FRANCHISE TO GAS COMPANY

Elimination of Increased Rates Is Only Important Change Made in Document.

IN EFFECT 20 YEARS

If Public Service Commission Approves Higher Prices, St. Louis Men Will Buy the Plant.

A franchise was granted by the City Council last night to Thomas D. Miller, John R. Callahan and William M. Fitch, to purchase, maintain and operate a gas plant in Columbia for twenty years. The ordinance passed was a substitute ordinance offered by Boyle G. Clark, city attorney, and does not mention rates. It is understood, however, that the Public Service Commission will approve any new rates before they become effective.

The ordinance passed was practically the same as that drawn by the gas company's attorney, J. E. Rogers, with the exception that higher rates asked by the new company were not granted. Mr. Clark recommended that the council not get at rate-making body but leave the matter entirely to the Public Service Commission.

Miller and Callahan were present representing the new company and announced immediately after the council adjourned that they would appear before the commission, when it meets in St. Louis next week, and ask that the rates submitted be approved. Council members individually expressed approval of the increased rates but officially refused to sanction them.

Clark's objection to approving the increased rates was based on the probability that the Public Service Commission would consider the council's action as grounds for approving the increased rates, in which case the council would be "morally bound to support the gas company."

"Rates are a matter for expert opinion," he said. "Personally I do not oppose the rates," said Clark. "I am willing to pay more and get better service and I think the majority of the gas consumers feel the same, but I do object to the City Council acting as a rate-making body."

FRANCHISE GRANTED AT ONCE

Clark then offered a substitute resolution which omitted mention of rates and the resolution was passed unanimously. Council members felt that there was nothing to be gained by delay and were desirous of disposing of the question.

As the matter now stands, the new company will appear before the Public Service Commission in an effort to have that body sanction the increased rates, which the applicants for the franchise say are necessary to put the present gas plant on a paying basis. If the rates meet with approval, the new company will buy the present plant, if not, the gas company will continue as it is now being operated, they said.

Whether the commission will approve the higher rates is a matter of conjecture. Columbia is paying less for gas now than other cities of its size but the plant has not made money and last year lost money on its investment. Its credit will not permit improvements or better service.

The new company expects to put the plant on a paying basis and make the improvements necessary for better service to gas consumers.

As approved last night, the ordinance contains six sections, against the nine in the original bill of the gas company. Part of section two, dealing with rates, was omitted, and sections four, six and eight were considered superfluous.

WORKING ON FRANCHISE

The franchise was passed following an ordinance granting to Thomas D. Miller, John R. Callahan and Wm. M. Fitch a franchise to maintain and operate a gas plant in the city of Columbia, Missouri.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Columbia, Missouri, as follows: Section 1. That Thomas D. Miller, John R. Callahan and Wm. M. Fitch, their heirs, grantees and assigns hereinafter designated as the Gas Company, be and they are hereby vested with the right, power and privilege for a term of twenty years from and after the passage and approval of this ordinance, to purchase, to erect, construct and maintain a gas plant in the city of Columbia, Missouri, for the manufacture, transmission and sale of gas for light, fuel, power and other purposes and in connection therewith to use the streets, avenues, alleys, parks and other public places within said city as and upon new easements or into such territory as its corporate limits may hereafter extend or include for the purpose of laying and maintaining therein mains and pipes, connections and appliances used in connection therewith which may be necessary or proper for this transmission, distribution and delivery of gas from the manufacturing plant to the consumers thereof; provided, however, and always that said gas pipes, mains, appliances and connections shall be so placed and laid that they will not interfere with the drainage of said city or the necessary

## THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Probably snow tonight and Wednesday; much colder with cold wave; temperature to about 16 by Wednesday morning and to near zero by Wednesday night. Winds shifting to strong northwest tonight.

For Missouri: Probable snow tonight and Wednesday; much colder with cold wave; temperature to zero to 10 above north and 10 above south portion. Winds shifting to strong northwest tonight.

The center of the low pressure has moved from Utah to Oklahoma, and its influence embraces most of the Plains and Central Valley; snow is general in Kansas and Iowa thence northward and rain from Missouri southward and eastward.

composed of the city attorney, the city engineer and the fire chief.

Appropriations totaling \$7,600.78 were passed. Of this amount \$7,409.73 came from the water and light fund, \$150 from the security fund and \$30.05 from the general revenue.

## BIG CHRISTMAS TREE SELECTED

So Large That 5 Men Work Hours Before It Is Loaded in Truck.

The big tree to be used for the municipal celebration Christmas night has been selected. On R. L. Richard's farm, eighteen miles southeast of Columbia, five men felled and loaded the tree that will form the center of the festival stage. A big telephone pole has been erected on the Agricultural campus to be used in raising the tree. The work of setting it in place will begin about the middle of the week.

The tree is a beautiful specimen, shaped by heavy branches. It required several hours for five men, with the aid of ropes and by raising the stump on a two-ton coal truck, to load it.

Several smaller trees were added to the load. After two hours of travel the Christmas tree reached its destination. In crossing the Hinkson, south of town on the Ashland grade, it was found that the truck could not pass between the sides of the iron bridge. The smaller trees had to be removed from the load until after the bridge was crossed.

Already several fraternities have sent large boxes of clothing and toys for the Municipal Festival. It is expected that many more who attend the festival will also add gifts to the collection. All gifts should be given to the Columbia Charity Organization for distribution. Food, clothing, toys, books, fuel or pledges of aid will be gladly received.

Practically all preparations are complete for the celebration. Church bells will ring promptly at 5:30 o'clock. The festival is to be held on the Agricultural Campus at 6 o'clock Saturday night. The entrances will be on Hill and University avenues.

The big star which will shine above the Municipal Christmas tree has been wired by Charles Furney and is ready to appear.

## COLD SNAP AND SNOW TONIGHT

Temperature May Drop to 16 Degrees by Morning and Zero at Night.

A cold wave with snow is on the way, says the United States Weather Bureau. With Christmas only four days off, there is every indication that Columbia will have a cold, white annual festival day.

The snow will come tonight and Wednesday. By tomorrow morning the temperature will drop to 16 degrees above zero and by tomorrow night it will be above zero according to the forecast.

## ATKESON BACK TO BUTLER

Congressman-Elect Returns to His Home After 2-Day Visit Here.

Congressman-elect W. O. Atkeson, who has visited his son, R. W. Atkeson, a student in the School of Journalism, the past two days, returned to his home this morning. Mr. Atkeson was the Republican nominee elected to Congress from the Sixth district in Missouri at the November election. His home is in Butler, Bates County. He was formerly editor of the Butler Record and is an author. The Sixth district, which Mr. Atkeson will represent, is usually Democratic but Mr. Atkeson won by about 2,400 this year.

## M. U. Graduate Dies in Oregon.

Solomon Fine, a graduate of the University, died at Corvallis, Ore., on December 16, according to a telegram just received by Victor Victor. Mr. Fine received the master's degree from the College of Agriculture in 1918. He was head of the dairy department at the University of Oregon. A wife and two small children survive him. The body has been sent to his old home in Attleboro, Mass.

Shannon D. Smith Here  
Shannon D. Smith of Kansas City is visiting his father F. W. Smith, here. Mrs. Smith will come tomorrow.

## CENTRALIANS PLEASED OVER RECENT VISIT

In Letter to Missourian They Say That Both Towns Should Work Together.

PRASE FOR COLUMBIA

Urge United Effort on Part of Each City to Get New Station Built at Centralia.

Editor of the Columbia Evening Missourian: Many thanks for the kind words and good write up given the Centralia Commercial Club.

The writer agrees with you relative to the many good things our Clubs could accomplish by working together, and I would gladly welcome the day when we can get down to "brass tacks" and put the powers that be to work on some plans that will be helpful to both Centralia and Columbia.

Centralia, being a transfer station for Columbia people as well as the traveling public, is much criticized and abused. Some complaints are just and some unjust. Both towns have chronic knucklers and, like the poor, will be with us always. They see no good in anything and are averse to helping promote anything helpful to the general public in either place.

Much that has been said as coming from Centralia, that in any way reflects upon Columbia, is not said by the business men nor from the better citizenship of Centralia, but as I see it only as coming from the frivolous and younger element who jest; and those remarks are only spoken of in a joking way by those who are not acquainted with the real facts or conditions in either place.

The greatest need of Centralia at present is a suitable railway station where your citizens would have a decent place to wait for arrival of trains and furnish their accommodations in harmony with those they have been accustomed. To house around a shoddy of a place with no conveniences only arouses feelings of disgust for the town and disgraces them with the place. Human nature is such, when you, or the writer, starts on a journey, we like to keep going; the stops and transfers are annoying and rattle our feelings to some extent. Altho we may be ignorant of the fact that we have no change cars, yet there is a feeling of hatred over the matter, toward the point where such change be made, unless it be a terminal of some size and importance. Hence I can easily see why Centralia is frequently made the butt of many stage jokes.

Now if your citizens through the Commercial Club will help the Centralia Commercial Club and visit the proper authorities, I dare say it would mean very much toward obtaining concessions from them that could not be obtained by us alone. Your city has the best claim in that its citizens always have some wait before taking their train, and the place offered for the purpose is far out of line and harassing with that in your city. Your citizens get on the train immediately upon their arrival at the station and your station but little possibly in purchasing tickets only, while here they have to either wait about and sweat at the lonely bulk in wait to wait for their train, or walk to keep warm in winter or avoid the stretch of the place in the summer.

I only mention the station matter as it, in my mind, is most needed at present, but there are many things in common which can be accomplished by working in unison. As a business man located here for a long time, I desire to say that I am very proud of Columbia with all her beauty and grandeur, her progressive citizens and her gracious manner in which she handles the thousands who yearly attend her many educational institutions. In my many travels about the U. S. A. I have failed to see a city with quite the beauty and attractiveness that your city affords.

R. L. Hope  
For your information, will say, I take your paper which reaches me every evening and peruse its pages with much interest.

## FARMER DIES NEAR BROWNS

Joseph Hunton's Body to Be Buried at Mount Zion.

Joseph Hunton, 55, a farmer, who lived about a mile and a half north of Browns, died of pneumonia last night. He had been ill about a week.

He is survived by his wife; a married daughter, Mrs. Sam O'Rear; and two sons, Samuel Hunton and Thomas Hunton. He will be buried at Mount Zion.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

Mr. Hunton had lived near Browns all his life. His father and mother, who were English, moved into the community when he was a child.

## CHANGE IN C. H. S. FACULTY

Miss Anna M. Cuthbertson to Succeed Miss Frances Corlew.

Several of the teachers at Columbia High School will spend the Christmas vacation away from Columbia. Miss Sadie Sfean, principal, will visit in Chicago. Miss Sarah Deist, teacher of mathematics, and Miss Ella Hart, teacher of English, will both go to their homes in California. Miss Mary J. Barrett, teacher of English, expects to visit in St. Louis. J. J. Siga coach and head of the manual training department, will visit over the holidays in Brockbridge, Ma.

There will be one change in the High School faculty for next quarter. Miss Anna Margaret Cuthbertson was elected last night by the Board of Education to succeed Miss Frances Corlew, whose resignation was recently accepted. She will assume her duties January 3.

## PASSAGE OF TARIFF LIKELY

House Votes to Take Up Measure Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Passage of the Emergency Tariff Bill by the House was indicated today when a proposal to take up the measure tomorrow passed 206 to 76. The majority of the Democrats, however, the vote indicated, will oppose the bill.

## SALE OF SEALS IS FAR BEHIND

Quota Set at \$1,500 and Only \$160.76 Has Been Reached for Tubercular Aid.

The sale of Christmas Seals for the relief and control of Tuberculosis has only amounted to \$160.76. The quota is \$1,500. Fifty per cent of the proceeds is to go to Columbia and the other 50 per cent to the state. The seals are on sale at the postoffice, Daniel Boone Tavern, Missouri Stores and are being sold by the public and catholic school children.

A committee has been appointed to launch the sale of the bonds, which are \$5 each. The committee includes: Mrs. George Tixell, Mrs. W. J. Stevenson, Mrs. J. D. Van Horn, Mrs. J. D. Eloff, and Mrs. W. K. Hayes.

The sale is far below the quota, says Miss Gladys Roberts, who is in charge of selling the seals, and everybody is urged to put Christmas seals on their packages and to buy bonds.

Fraternities, societies and local organizations have been solicited.

Tom Young and E. Sydney Stephens, Jr., have each sold \$10 worth of seals. The sale at the University Elementary School amounted to \$88.

## CHINA RELIEF FUND NOW \$189

At Estimated Rate, the Missourian Fund Will Save Nineteen Lives.

Previously acknowledged ..\$164.00  
Virginia Lee Meng..... 3.00  
A student ..1.50  
A Columbian ..5.00  
Myron W. Watkins..... 5.00  
A subscriber ..5.00  
Mrs. J. S. Ankeney..... 1.50  
Mary Cherry ..1.00  
A subscriber ..1.00  
Jeanette Edwards..... 2.00  
Dorothy Dorsey ..5.00  
Mrs. Stockton Dorsey..... 5.00  
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Baker ..2.00  
Total ..\$201.00

The Columbia Evening Missourian fund for Far East Relief has grown \$39 since yesterday. The total now is \$201.00. It is estimated that \$10 is sufficient to carry through the famine. At this rate the Missourian fund will save twenty lives.

While we are enjoying Christmas and taking pride in ourselves that we are entering into the spirit of Christmas with generosity we must not forget the 20,000,000 starving people of the Far East. The Chinese government has done all that it can to ameliorate the conditions, and the Japanese have been sending rice and other supplies.

While it will be impossible to reach all the people even if the funds were provided, those along the coast can be saved. The estimates of the amount needed vary, but if \$200,000,000 is subscribed the greater part of the inhabitants of Northern China will be able to live through the winter.

## CLOSE AN OLD POSTOFFICE

Government Does Away With Old Office in Johnson County.

Columbia, the first postoffice in Johnson county, which was established eighty-eight years ago, was discontinued this week at the order of the Postoffice Department at Washington. The name, Columbia, was similar to Columbia and caused much confusion. William Kincaid was the first postmaster and W. H. Anderson, who resigned a year ago, was the last. Inability of the Postoffice Department to find a substitute to finish Mr. Anderson's term caused the discontinuance.

## SCORES HONOR FIRST PILGRIM LANDING HERE

Direct Descendants of Pioneers Observe Tercentenary of Episode at Plymouth Rock.

COOLIDGE IS SPEAKER

Senator Lodge, of Pilgrim Blood, Recounts History of Forefathers in Massachusetts.

By United Press.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 21.—Three hundred years ago today in the bitter cold of a northern winter, a little band of intrepid men and women seeking freedom of religious thought and action disembarked from their stanch little vessel, the Mayflower, and started the first settlement in the wilds of what is now Massachusetts.

The three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims was celebrated here today almost on the very spot on which the first settlers set foot. Ceremonies commemorating the day were carried out in the shadow of historic Plymouth Rock.

Hundreds of direct descendants of the Pilgrims were here to do honor to their ancestors. Ceremonies were staged in Old Colony Theater, in which were assembled scores of prominent men and women of the nation and representatives of foreign countries.

Among those who took part in the ceremonies were Calvin Coolidge, Vice-President-elect; Sir Auckland Geddes, ambassador from Great Britain; General Robert George Nivelle, representing France, and many others.

Louis K. Liggett, who presided at the meeting, presented Vice-President-elect Calvin Coolidge, who in a brief address paid a tribute to the work of the Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission, which arranged the celebration, and spoke on the landing of the Pilgrims.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, a Pilgrim descendant, made the principal address of the celebration on the "Pilgrims of Plymouth." He painted a vivid picture of the landing of the little band of settlers in a wild and unknown country in which they were beset by many dangers in their efforts to establish homes. Outlining their reasons for seeking homes in an unknown country, Senator Lodge described their trials in the years in which they sought to gain a living from the virgin soil. He told of their mode of governing themselves and of their struggle against the Indians.

Following Senator Lodge's address, the audience, led by Rev. A. B. Whitney, of the First Church of Plymouth, knelt in prayer for several minutes.

Plans now under way to beautify Plymouth harbor, removing unsightly wharves and waterfront property and making it a natural park in the center of which will stand the weather-beaten Plymouth Rock, were explained to the audience.

The decorations in the theater were reminiscent of the early days of Massachusetts and the Pilgrim settlement, and the Ushers, members of the Boston Women's Club, were dressed as Pilgrim maidens.

After a luncheon the visitors and distinguished guests were taken to the historic scenes in old Plymouth, where they heard again the story of the landing of the Pilgrims.

## NEW NAME FOR ATHENS HOTEL

After January 1 It Will Be Known as the Columbia Hotel—Closed 10 Days.

The Athens Hotel will change its name after the first of the year. From January 1, 1921, it will be known as the Columbia Hotel.

The new owners of the hotel will close the building from January 1 until January 10 in order to make necessary repairs and improvements. It is estimated that \$10,000 will be spent in repairing, decorating and refurnishing the hotel.

For the first few months of the year there will be no dining room at the hotel. A dining room will be opened by April 1, or before if possible, and the hotel will be conducted on the American plan.

## BRIDGE CONTRACT AWARDED

St. Louis Firm Will Begin \$2,675 Job About January 1.

A contract for a \$2,675 bridge over Dead Creek, just south of Easley, was let by the County Court yesterday to the Missouri Bridge & Iron Co. of St. Louis. The amount named covers the cost of the bridge and the work of erecting it. Construction will be begun about January 1.

## Union Services at St. Paul Church.

Union Christmas services will be held at 10:30 o'clock next Saturday morning at St. Paul A. M. E. Church. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. D. J. Mitchell.

## Use of Holly and Mistletoe Dates Back to Old Customs

Christmas means holly and mistletoe in the minds of decorators everywhere. One Columbian who handles the supply every year says that he has never seen holly any prettier than it is this year. It has a real wealth of berries. The biggest part of the foliage comes just before Christmas so as to be fresh and green during the holidays.

Although this year's growth seems to be better than last year's, the price is practically the same, varying from 25 to 30 cents a pound. A great deal more holly is sold in Columbia than mistletoe. A merchant will order three large boxes of holly, and only one small box of mistletoe.

The name "holly" is said to have been derived from the use of the branches and berries to decorate churches at Christmas seasons. From this, the tree was called the holy tree. The flowers of the holly are whitish, attached at a joint in clusters. It is the scarlet fruit, however, which characterizes the holly as a Christmas decoration. Numerous species are found in the United States.

Mistletoe belongs to a family of parasitic shrubs, containing more than six hundred known species, and found in almost all warm countries. It grows on such trees as the poplar, maple and oak. The American mistletoe in the southern states has broader and shorter leaves and smaller berries and flowers than the European varieties.

Mistletoe played a conspicuous part in mythology. Among the Norse, it is typified by the twig or spear with which Balder, the white sun-god, was slain. Among Druids and Celts, mistletoe growing on an oak tree possessed magical powers. At one time it was supposed to have healing properties. The Druids cut it with great religious ceremony, especially when found on the oak. Traces of regard for the plant survive in the custom of certain privileges heaped upon one who stands beneath a spray.

Not many cedar trees are on the market yet. Those that are now on sale vary in price from 25 cents to \$1.25, which is about the same as in former years.

## COUNCIL MAY CUT LICENSES

Dorn-Cloney Asks Reduction—To Rope Off Block of Tenth St. Friday.

J. M. Battersby appeared before the City Council last night asking that the license of the Dorn-Cloney Laundry be reduced, holding that \$900 a year was excessive. His request was referred to the finance committee along with the question of a reduction in other licenses.

Permission was granted to rope off Tenth street from Cherry to Elm streets Friday night for the Municipal Christmas Festival.

Extension of time for the completion of sidewalk gradings on Garth avenue between Stewart road and Edgewood avenue was granted to J. A. Stewart when he explained that he had experienced difficulty in getting sufficient labor.

Permission to lay a pipe line from the Dalton Coal yard to a building on Seventh street, to be used in supplying gasoline to two 10,000 gallon tanks belonging to the John Taylor Garage, was deferred until the next meeting of the council. There was some doubt as to whether the council could grant the request if property owners objected and the matter is to be reported upon by a committee.

## TO REDECORATE TAVERN LOBBY

Alterations Will Be Made Soon, Costing From \$3,000 to \$4,000.

A decorator's plans for refurbishing and outfitting the lobby of the Daniel Boone Tavern have been approved by F. W. Leonard, the manager, and are to be carried out shortly after the first of the year. All the present furnishings are to be discarded and extensive alterations will be made. The total cost of the new furniture and decorations probably will be between \$3,000 and \$4,000. Mr. Leonard says.

The agent of a Kansas City firm of decorators, in charge of the work, has studied the Tavern lobby carefully and placed the order for furnishings to be built to suit its special needs. A huge table will occupy the center of the floor. Beneath it will be a handsome rug. An art lamp and many new chairs and settees are included in the decorator's order.

The oil painting of Daniel Boone by George C. Bingham, which hung in the lobby, has been returned to Washington University where it is a part of that institution's art collection. It was lent the Tavern through the courtesy of the City Art Museum of Forest Park, St. Louis.

W. F. Hardy, a copyist of ability, is now at work reproducing it on an enlarged scale. The work is almost finished and Mr. Leonard will go to St. Louis within a week or so to select a frame and arrange for sending it here. It will be given a conspicuous place in the new scheme of decorations.

The work of repapering and painting all the rooms of the Tavern has just been completed.

## GET \$10 INCREASE IN PAY

Vocational Students of University Draw \$100 a Month.

The vocational students of the University have been granted an additional \$10 increase in pay. The first \$10 increase was granted a few months ago, but after an investigation of living conditions in Columbia by the Federal Board of Vocational Education, the additional increase was granted and is retroactive to July 1.

The students now draw \$100 a month. Some have received the increase and lack pay in their last check. Those who have not, will get the increase after the holidays.

Mrs. Frances Williams Very Ill.  
Mrs. Frances M. Williams is critically ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Manly. Her recovery is doubtful.

## IRISH ROUTED AS THEY PLAN AN AMBASCade

At Least Ten Sinn Feiners Killed in Biggest Battle of the Present Uprising.

IN MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

Estimates of British Losses Range From Eight Killed to One Seriously Wounded.

By United Press.

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—Reports of the big, hot battle yet fought in the present Sinn Feiners' uprising, which occurred at Mullinahone on Sunday night, were still fragmentary and conflicting today.

At least ten Sinn Feiners were killed and thirty wounded or captured, while the British casualties were variously estimated to but one seriously and several slightly wounded. The Irish were said to have been routed.

Heavy military reinforcements and a number of ambulances were sent to the scene, which is located in an isolated mountainous district of Tipperary. It has been a Sinn Fein stronghold.

According to some reports the Sinn Fein force had prepared an ambush but was in turn surprised by the soldiers. The battle opened just at dusk and apparently lasted some time, the Sinn Feiners fighting desperately despite their disadvantage.

## M. U. STUDENT IS MARRIED

Samuel S. Rodenberg Weds Miss Lillian Novack.

Samuel S. Rodenberg, 21, and Miss Lillian Novack, 19, both of St. Louis, were married by Judge H. A. Collier in the Probate Court room at the courthouse this afternoon. Mr. Rodenberg is a student in the School of Medicine. He will not return for the second time, he said today, but will take a position as private secretary in St. Louis.

Other marriage licenses were issued to Stanton Rice, 24, of Hinton and Miss Mattie Paxon, 18, of Columbia; and to Dunlap Hargis, negro, 21, of Chicago, and Miss Ella C. Williams, negro, 23, of Huntsdale.

## MORE FREIGHT SERVICE SOON

Refrigerator Car Tri-Weekly Is Given by Railroads for Cold Months.

Better freight service is in sight for Columbia wholesale merchants, according to a report received by the local Commercial Club from P. W. Coyle, traffic commissioner of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Coyle made an investigation of transportation facilities following complaints from local merchants, who have been having difficulties with their shipments from St. Louis.

"We have made a thorough investigation relative to the handling by both express and freight, and we find that shipments moving by express are routed out of St. Louis on head end of the Washburn railroad, leaving Union Station on train No. 5 at 10:10 in the evening and arriving at Centralia at 2:13 a. m., from where it leaves for Columbia at 6:30 a. m., arriving there at 8 o'clock in the morning. There is no reason why perishable goods delivered by the express company should not be forwarded on the train mentioned. However, during the period from last April up to August, express shipments were seriously handicapped due to congestion."

"With respect to shipments moving by freight, the Washburn will, within the next ten days, inaugurate the following schedule from St. Louis to Columbia: Leaving St. Louis, daily, train 2nd-95, at 8 p. m., arriving at Centralia at 3:09 a. m., going out of Centralia, train No. 31, at 6:05 a. m. and arriving at Columbia at 8 a. m. This, you will note, will give first morning delivery on freight from St. Louis."

"The Washburn officials also advise that they will furnish a refrigerator car tri-weekly in order to take care of perishable shipments during the winter months. As soon as the sailing dates are determined by the Washburn, they will be made public."

"The M. K. & T., effective at once, has arranged to operate three times a week, that is, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, a refrigerator car leaving St. Louis on train No. 71 at 9:40 p. m., leaving McBaine on train No. 12 at 10:20 a. m., thereby giving the first morning delivery."

Will Attend Meeting in Chicago.  
H. O. Severance, University librarian, will attend the meeting of the council of the American Library Association which meets in Chicago Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Miss Blanche Hedrick, of Bismarck, N. D., who is in Columbia, will also attend the meeting. Miss Hedrick is secretary of the North Dakota Library Commission. University Librarians will hold an all-day meeting Monday at the La Salle Hotel.

Charges Graft in Coal.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The charge that United States government officials made a great profit in dealing in coal was made today before the Senate investigation committee by George H. Cushing, director of the American Wholesale Association.